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Ken Beechely  
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency  
1701 First Avenue  
Maywood, Illinois

RE: Highland Park Landfill  
Your File # 09705001

Dear Mr. Beechely:

As we discussed by phone on August 7, I have some concerns about the Highland Park landfill, particularly since there are development plans for the site and its environs including residential construction.

The landfill borders Route 41 on the west, Route 22 on the north, and K-Mart to the south. It shares a bank in spots with the North Branch Skokie Drainage Canal of the Chicago River. Its eastern edge is part of the Highland Park Country Club and is privately owned. The municipality owns the rest of the site.

According to the Lake County Health Department file, this closed landfill was municipally owned and operated between approximately 1960 and 1976. The Health Department granted a permit in 1963, and IEPA capped it in 1976. Local residents recall dumping there as early as the 1930's.

Health Department records reveal that this landfill received sludge from the North Shore Sanitary District, industrial wastes from unspecified generators, municipal garbage from Highland Park and other municipalities, and demolition and construction debris.

The site lies entirely within the floodplain. The latest generation of U.S. Fish and Wildlife maps show numerous wetlands of various sizes and qualities around the landfill.

Since the city uses Lake Michigan water, there are no monitoring wells either onsite or private. Testing has been limited to the North Branch, organics only. The testing agency was the Lake County Health Department.

If this landfill is not already listed on the State Remedial Action Priorities List for testing, please include it for evaluation. Before anyone buys a condo or a home there, I believe we must know whether it is safe to build them there.

Very truly yours,

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